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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. KUWAITI MINISTER COMMENTS ON OAPEC MEETING

KUWAITI FINANCE AND OIL MINISTER ATEEQI INFORMED
AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS THAT THE INITIAL FIVE PERCENT
REDUCTION IN OIL PRODUCTION BY EACH OAPEC STATE WAS
INTENDED TO RESULT IN A COMPLETE EMBARGO ON OIL TO
THE US BUT MINIMAL PRIVATION TO ALL OTHER OIL CONSUMERS.
HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUCCEEDING FIVE PERCENT
REDUCTIONS WOULD INCREASINGLY AFFECT OTHER CONSUMERS.
EMBASSY KUWAIT COMMENTS THAT OAPEC CAME UP WITH A
MINIMAL PACKAGE SIGNALLING ARAB DISPLEASURE WITH THE
US AND SATISFYING ARAB OPINION. (SECRET) KUWAIT 3801
AND 3800, 10/18.

2. AFGHANISTAN SENDS EMISSARY TO WASHINGTON

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AFGHAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHID ABDULLAH INFORMED
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EMBASSY KABUL OCTOBER 18 THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD WAS
SENDING HIM IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON TO DELIVER
ZA VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS"
DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT NIXON. ABDALLAH WILL BE

ARRIVING IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 19 AND WILL THEN PROCEED TO WASHINGTON. CHARGE LEWIS WAS ABLE TO LEARN ONLY THAT THE MESSAGE IS "GOOD NEWS." (CONFIDENTIAL) KABUL 7433, 10/18 (EXDIS).

3 EMBASSY PARIS COMMENTS ON FRENCH NATO DRAFT

EMBASSY PARIS BELIEVES IT IS PREMATURE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT POLICY SHIFT BY FRANCE TOWARD NATO OR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. NOTING THAT THE DRAFT DOES NOT ALTER FRANCE'S POSITION ON MILITARY INTEGRATION OR ITS VIEW REGARDING COOPERATION WITH THE ALLIANCE, THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT PRESENT FRENCH CONCERN SEEMS LIMITED TO DRAMATIZING THE EUROPEAN DEFENSE QUESTION RATHER THAN PROPOSING NEW DIRECTIONS FOR ANSWERING IT. THE EMBASSY ADDS THAT FRANCE IS LIKELY TO RESIST EFFORTS TO MODIFY ITS VIEWS ON BURDEN-SHARING AND MBFR, SUBJECTS NOTABLY ABSENT FROM THE DRAFT AND ON WHICH FRANCE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY UNCOOPERATIVE. (SECRET) PARIS 27144, 10/18.

4. COD WAR SETTLEMENT ON THE HORIZON?

EMBASSY LONDON REPORTS THAT A TWO YEAR FISHING AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT DURING ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER JOHANNESSEN'S VISIT TO LONDON. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR "CONSERVATION AREAS", FISHING QUOTAS, AND THE EXCLUSION OF THIRTY BRITISH TRAWLERS FROM "ICELANDIC WATERS." ACCORDING TO BRITISH CALCULATIONS, THE LATTER WILL RESULT IN A 36 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE TONNAGE OF THEIR FISHING VESSELS. THE QUESTION NOW IS: WILL THE ICELANDIC CABINET APPROVE THE DEAL? (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 12112, 10/18.

5. CANADA AND CHINA AGREE ON CONSULAR RELATIONS
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DURING HIS TRIP TO PEKING, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU INITIALED AN UNDERSTANDING ESTABLISHING CONSULAR RELATIONS. A CANADIAN OFFICIAL OBSERVED THAT INITIAL CHINESE RELUCTANCE TO NEGOTIATE ON OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO CANADA GAVE WAY MORE READILY THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED IN OTTAWA. (CONFIDENTIAL) USLO PEKING 1220, 10/18. KISSINGER

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